Sri G. N. PATIL.—I wish to know whether Government will appoint local candidates for teachers' posts ?

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—As far as possible Government do not propose to appoint local candidates. They have asked the District Level Recruitment Committees as also the Public Service Commission to hasten their work.

M. S. K. Mills Co. Ltd., Gulbarga

218. Sri MALLIKARJUN KHARGE (Gurmitkal).—

Will the Minister for Industries be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Government has received any information from the Central Government regarding the investigation of the affairs of the Mahaboob Shahi Kulbarga Mills Company Limited Gulbarga ;

(*b*) whether the said Mill is being taken over by the Central Government to improve the present state of affairs;

(*c*) whether the Mahaboob Shahi Kulbarga Mills Company Ltd. is running under profit or loss ;

Sri S. M. KRISHNA (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Not known.

(*c*) The mill is presently working on profit.

MADAM SPEAKER.—Sri D. B. Kalmankar has been authorised to put question. No. 218.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—What report has been received from the Central Government ?

† Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—I have unofficial information that the Committee which was appointed by the Union Government has just submitted the report to the Union Government. We have not received a copy of that report and we are awaiting the report.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—May I know who the members of the Investigating Committee are ?

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—I do not have the details right now with me.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—May I know under what terms and conditions the management of the M.S.K. Mills was given to Sri Kesariwala ?

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—Madam, I appreciate the concern of the hon. Member, but I am not too sure whether the supplementary would arise out of the main question. This question has got a limited objective.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—In 1969-70 the M.S.K. Mills has suffered a loss of Rs. 20 lakhs; again in 1970-71 there is a loss of 16 lakhs. In view of this fact, how does the Government say that it is working on profit?

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—From the information I have, the Mill is making a profit of Rs. 4 to 5 thousand every day. From the last month the profits have gone up even to Rs. 9 and 10 thousand daily. It is expected that if nothing untoward happens, the situation may continue for a fairly long time. But, unfortunately, this Mill is bedevilled with certian labour problems. I am given to understand that there are seven Unions functioning in this Textile Mill. When there is no labour unrest or Inter-Union rivalry, the indications are that this Mill is going to make profits.

Then the hon'ble Member asked me about the personnel of the Committee which was appointed to investigate into the working of the MSK Mills. Madam, I have details here. Sri S. D. Mehta was the Chairman. Dr. P. V. Seshadri, National Textile Corporation, Ltd, Sri P. G. Rao, Controller, Southern Region, National Textile Corporation, Sri N. S. Bharath, Joint Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of Mysore, Sri I. D. Gupta, Inspecting Officer, Office of the Regional Director, Company Law Board, and Dr. O. S. Krishna Murthy, Deputy Director, Office of the Textile Commissioner—these are the Members of the Committee.

Sri BAPU GOWDA RAYAPPA.—While entrusting this M.S.K. Mill; to private agency, what was the loss that the Mill was incurring?

Sri S M. KRISHNA.—Well, I think, it had lost quite a bit. At one time, the loss was much more than the capital invested on the Mill it was more than Rs. 1 crore.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—In view of the fact that even after handing it over to the private entrepreneurs, this Mill has not been able to turn the corner and there have been lot of complaints about the MSK Mills Management, does the Government consider that it should be taken over as a sick mill by the Textile Corporation?

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—It is only on that provision that we made a reference to the Union Government and the Union Government appointed this Committe. So, the larger question whether it should be taken over as a sick mill would depend upon the report submitted to the Government of India by the Committee.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—May I know whether the Government will consider the suggestion to change the present Chairman Sri Chandappa Patil because he is not an expert and appoint an experienced person as Chairman?

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—Sri Chandappa Patil was appointed Chairman some time last year and let me stop at that.

MADAM SPEAKER.—The Question Hour is over.